

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

1. A dispenser for controlled release of volatile substances, comprising

a reservoir (1) covered on its top face (2) and on its bottom face (3) by a first control element (6), said reservoir containing at least one volatile substance (4),

a first control element (6), which exerts a control function that is dependent on the physical properties of the at least one volatile substance (4) and the material properties of the constituents of the first control element (6), said control element (6) is fully covered by a second control element (7) and

a second control element (7) which exerts a control function that is independent of the physical properties of the at least one volatile substance (4) and the material properties of the constituents of the first control element (6)

wherein the second control element is in the form of a film and possesses gaps wherein the number of said gaps is from 500 to 8000 gaps per m² of said film.

Claim 2 (currently amended)

2. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the first control element (6) is disposed between the reservoir (1) and the second control element (7).

Claim 3 (currently amended)

3. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the second control element (7) is a material comprising gaps (8) which is impermeable to the at least one volatile substance.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

4. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the reservoir (1) is a cavity.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the reservoir (1) comprises a carrier material (5) which is capable of accommodating a volatile substance (4).

Claim 6 (currently amended)

6. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the reservoir (1) is flat and has a top face (2) and a bottom face (3).

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the carrier material (5) comprises a natural or synthetic polymer.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the carrier material (5) is in fiber, woven, nonwoven, foam, powder, gel, solution or granule form.

Claim 9 (currently amended)

9. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the first control element (6) is composed of a material which is permeable to the at least one volatile substance.

Claim 10 (previously presented)

10. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the material which is permeable to the at least one volatile substance comprises a natural or synthetic polymer or a blend thereof.

Claim 11 (currently amended)

11. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the second control element (7) is in the form of a film and has a thickness of between 50 μm and 2.5 mm.

Claim 12 (currently amended)

12. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the gaps (8) in the second control element (7) are tubular, spherical or irregular.

Claim 13 (currently amended)

13. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the at least one volatile substance (4) is an active chemical and/or biological substance.

Claim 14 (currently amended)

14. The dispenser of claim 1, characterized in that the at least one volatile substance (4) is a fragrance or fragrance mixture with attractive or repellent action on insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals.

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended)

16. A method of releasing a volatile substance (4) to a gaseous, liquid or solid environment which comprises positioning the dispenser of claim 1 in the desired environment.

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the release of a volatile substance (4) is over a period of at least one hour.